

Remarks

The indication that claim 5 has been allowed and that claims 3, 6-12, and 15-16 include patentable subject matter is acknowledged with thanks. In reliance thereon, claim 1 has been amended to include allowable subject matter by adding the subject matter of claim 16 and claim 13 has been amended to include allowable subject matter by adding the subject matter of claim 15. Claims 15-16 have been canceled. Allowance of claims 1-14 is respectfully requested as these claims include subject matter indicated to be allowable.

Claims 1-2 and 13 were rejected as unpatentable over STEWART 5,941,635 in view of HUTCHINSON 5,121,857 and claims 4 and 14 were rejected further in view of BIBBO et al. 2003/0231546. Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested as these claims have been amended to include allowable subject matter.

In view of the present amendment and the foregoing remarks, it is believed that the present application has been placed in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

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